



April 19, 2019

Ms. Beryl Lipton  
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RE: FOIA Case No. 2019-FPRO-00717

Dear Ms. Lipton:

This responds to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated March 22, 2019, in which you seek access to Postal Service records.

The FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552, is a federal statute that provides public access to records and documents unless those records or documents qualify for one of several exemptions. The core purpose of the FOIA is to provide the public with information about the operations or activities of the government, or in other words, to shed light on the conduct of government agencies. To qualify as agency records under the FOIA, requested materials must be created or obtained by an agency, and they must be within the agency's possession and control at the time the FOIA request is made. The FOIA does not require agencies to answer questions, or provide individuals with explanations or other information that is not contained in its records.

Based on the information you provided, it appears that you seek records that would be maintained by another federal agency. Because your request is not a request for records maintained by the Postal Service, the FOIA does not require compliance with your request.

If you are not satisfied with the response to this request, you may file an administrative appeal within 90 days of the date of this response letter by writing to the General Counsel U.S. Postal Service 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW Washington, DC 20260 or via email at [FOIAAppeal@usps.gov](mailto:FOIAAppeal@usps.gov). Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of the response to your request. The letter of appeal should include, as applicable:

- (1) A copy of the request, of any notification of denial or other action, and of any other related correspondence;
- (2) The FOIA tracking number assigned to the request;
- (3) A statement of the action, or failure to act, from which the appeal is taken;
- (4) A statement identifying the specific redactions to responsive records that the requester is challenging;
- (5) A statement of the relief sought; and
- (6) A statement of the reasons why the requester believes the action or failure to act is erroneous.

For further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request, you may contact FOIA Public Liaison listed below:

PRIVACY & RECORDS OFFICE  
US POSTAL SERVICE  
475 L'ENFANT PLAZA SW RM 1P830  
WASHINGTON DC 20260-1101  
Phone: (202) 268-2608  
Fax: (202) 268-5353  
FOIA Public Liaison: Jane Eyre

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,



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